

## Brief Notes

"How may I know that I am a Christian?" Ask your wife.

"How may I know that I am a Christian?" Ask your hired man.

"How may I know that I am a Christian?" Ask yourself.

"How may I experience the assurance of salvation?" Get the salvation.

"Why do I not enjoy a more satisfactory degree of peace?" Examine your title.

"What's the matter with my influence as a Christian, or as a preacher?" The infant has probably been cruelly neglected.

"Where will I find the meaning of all these extraordinary troubles and disasters which come into my life?" In God's mercy.

Some English Methodists are protesting against the policy of tolerating liquor dealing officials in their churches. Well! Well!

A New York preacher opens a law office, but doesn't intend to give up his ministry. Preaching and practice ought to go hand in hand, but much depends upon what we practice.

The man who was so busy working for the Lord that he forgot to work for himself discovered one day that the Lord was working for him, and then he had no need to work for himself.

Thieves robbed a hospital a few days ago. They rob churches, graves, orphan asylums, and yet there are people who doubt the doctrine of total depravity. What awful depths yawn in this human nature of ours.

The Spanish "Incommunicado" system in Cuba, by which prisoners were entirely cut off from their friends immediately after arrest has been abolished by Governor General Brooke. How glad we should be that there is no incommunicado system between our souls and God. In whatever trouble we can go direct to him, and he can come to us.

Papers of all political colors are urging the appointment of abler generals to command our armies in the Philippines. Whether in church or state, the ablest man is the one who bears God's commission to lead. But in the spiritual warfare, the ablest man is he who is the most open channel for the flowing down of God's great power into men's hearts.

According to the papers, Benjamin Maxham made millions in the west as a gambler, came to Vineland, N. J., reformed, joined the church, became a deacon, was very devout and benevolent, and died in the faith. A beautiful story, but there is one thing that spoils it; he left behind him five million dollars. Possession plunder, proof pilferer.

Nathan Straus, the new York philanthropist, is furnishing booths in Central Park where sterilized milk can be procured for infants, with the result that many lives have been saved which otherwise would have been sacrificed to the impurities and disease germs found in the milk supply of the cities. A great deal of the milk fed to babes in Christ badly needs to be sterilized.

The man who undertook to make a living by collecting driftwood and rubbish, was thought to be insane. There are plenty of so-called sane people, however, who spend all their time, energies and gifts in collecting driftwood and rubbish, such for instance as money and the trash that money stands for. They sacrifice reputation and character in this pursuit, and yet as the world goes they are regarded as very level headed people.

The Rev. Mr. Torrey of Chicago speaking recently in the gospel tent meeting in New York thanked God for hell. The soul of a savage is a far more conceivable thing than this hell glad preacher. What a beautiful time he will have in heaven gloating over the writhings of the damned. Doubtless he is one of those unspeakable creatures who will be able to

praise God rapturously tho his mother, or his child, or his brother, or his wife, or all of them should in plain view be plunged into the eternal fires. A decent man would want a very wide heaven to live in along with a spirit of that sort.

In some sections a serious epidemic of lockjaw immediately followed the fourth of July celebrations, nearly every case being induced by slight injuries from toy pistols. While these results are lamentable, it looks as if something ought to occur to check the idiotic folly of these noisy celebrations. The senseless fusillade of firecrackers and toy pistols is not merely a harmless nuisance, but a very dangerous one.

A portrait of the murdered Empress of Austria is reported to be bleeding, and the church dignitaries, the Catholic bishops and clergy, have pronounced it a miracle, and great numbers of devotees are now flocking to this new shrine. How ready and willing the multitude is to believe a lie, tho it can never profit them, while the saving truth is scorned and rejected. The secret of universal hostility to true religion is that it requires an honest and holy daily life, while its substitutes, of whatever kind do not.

The peace Congress at the Hague has voted against the use of explosives dropped from balloons. But no explosive which could be carried up in a balloon would be comparable to a thirteen inch shell flung high in the air from the mouth of a great gun, and dropped thence upon a defenseless population. Moreover it is allowable to load these shells with Liddite, the new explosive which kills everything in sight. Nevertheless we must remember that the delegates to the peace Congress are very wise men, and perfectly sane.

In a New York hospital a death occurred which was the result of a mosquito bite. Blood poisoning supervened, and life was destroyed. The bite of the musical mosquito is usually regarded as of no consequence, and is often referred to in a jesting manner; but in this case it was no jest. Sin is often made a matter of jest, and the tendency is prevalent to think lightly of what are called little sins. Nevertheless they may and do poison the life, and result finally in spiritual death. Do not be tolerant of little sins, particularly your own.

A woman went to a hospital last week and said to the physicians: "There's something the matter with my brain; I wish you would attend to it. Whatever may have been the trouble, she manifested sufficient practical sense to seek a remedy and to select the best to be had. In spiritual matters multitudes exhibit far less good sense. Altho Christ is the unfailing physician of the soul, how comparatively few go to him for healing. And why should we not go to him in the same practical, direct way? Why shouldn't we say to him, There's something the matter with my heart; there's something the matter with my life; there's something the matter with my faith; there's something the matter with my love; there's something the matter with my consecration, I wish you would attend to it. And then let this be followed by the same practical trust, the same surrender, the same obedience that we accord the doctor or the hospital of our choice, and the result will never disappoint us.

Admiral Dewey is coming home to receive the greatest ovation that has been accorded any American since the close of the civil war. He is the hero par excellence of the war, and the nation will surpass itself in heaping upon him honors and applause. When the supreme opportunity of his life came, it found him ready. That's the whole story. Rear Admiral Sampson lost an equally great opportunity by being for only the fraction of an hour absent from his post. He had planned the victory, but because he was not present in person to order the battle, capricious fortune makes him divide the glory with another. In regard to Dewey's fame there is no dissenting or discordant voice. The ready man is the man of destiny. The great opportunities are only for the keen eyes and the quick hands. Fortune

with fluttering wing taps lightly at the door of your chamber, but while you yawn she laughs you to scorn, and is away like the galloping wind.

## Notice Concerning General Conference

Those contemplating attending General Conference should carefully read the following announcements:

**R. R. Rates.** Winona Lake tickets are sold on almost all lines in the Central Passenger Ass'n. These cost a trifle more than half fare and are good for fifteen days. *You should consult your ticket agent at once about them* and see that he has a supply on hand when you wish to come. If the road running thru your town does not sell them then buy a regular ticket to the nearest point that does. The Bible Conference which meets just prior to the Brethren Conference expects to have rates of a fare and a third in the other R. R. districts. Those within the territory of the Eastern or Western Passenger Ass'ns should buy regular tickets to the nearest point in the territory of the Central Ass'n and then buy a Winona ticket. In buying a regular ticket *be sure* to get a receipt from the agent and then unless the plans fail here, you can go back on one-third fare making a fare and a third for the round trip. To avoid trouble consult your agent at once. Delegates from the East can get rates to Buffalo and then purchase Winona tickets.

**Hotels and cottages.** Rates for the Bible Conference and for our Conference will be the same but not the same as for the summer school rates which are announced in the Winona circulars. Our rates are as follows: Minnewawa Inn \$1.00 per day two in a room or \$1.25 per day one in a room. The Inn is the fine building where most of our people stayed last year. It will be the best place for all who do not care to board themselves. The Winona Hotel where some sixty dentists will be holding a convention at the time charges \$2.00 per day or \$8.50 per week. The new Lyman Marshall Home just across the street from the Inn offers fine large furnished rooms (with bedding and everything) at \$2.00 to \$3.00 per week per room. These will be very desirable. Rooms in the cottages on Cottage Avenue near the lake will cost \$1.50 per week. They are furnished with everything but bedding. There are a few cottages on the hill rented by the association and similarly furnished which have from four to nine rooms and rent from \$6.00 to \$12.00 per week. Many private cottages can be rented of their owners. To reserve rooms or cottages of the association write directly to "The Winona Association, Winona Lake, Ind. Describe clearly what you want. To reserve private cottages write to the undersigned. We will soon have a list of available rooms. It can only be gotten by visiting the owners and present occupants. Pillows and cots can be rented cheaply on the grounds. Some of the cottages have gasoline stoves in them. But if you possibly can bring along your bedding for the cottages. The Warsaw church will try to provide for all who may be in need so far as their supply will go.

Boarding at the cafe will cost 25 cents per meal or \$3.50 for 21 meals. There is also an excellent lunch counter and other refreshment counters besides a large grocery and other stores. Almost anything needed can be gotten here.

The attendance this year is twice as large as before so that during Bible Conference the park will overflow into the town, but our brethren will guarantee that all who come will be cared for. The Bible Conference proper closes Aug. 27, and the mass of people will be leaving at that time so that there will be plenty of room for us. Those driving thru will easily find accommodations for teams. Many are writing that they are coming early for the Bible Conference. It will be grand and will ten times over repay the little extra expense incurred in attending it. Our own conference should be the best in our history. Pray for it privately, in family worship and in public services. Pastors announce it and urge it at every service from now on. Indiana turn out by the hundred. Everybody come to Winona.

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